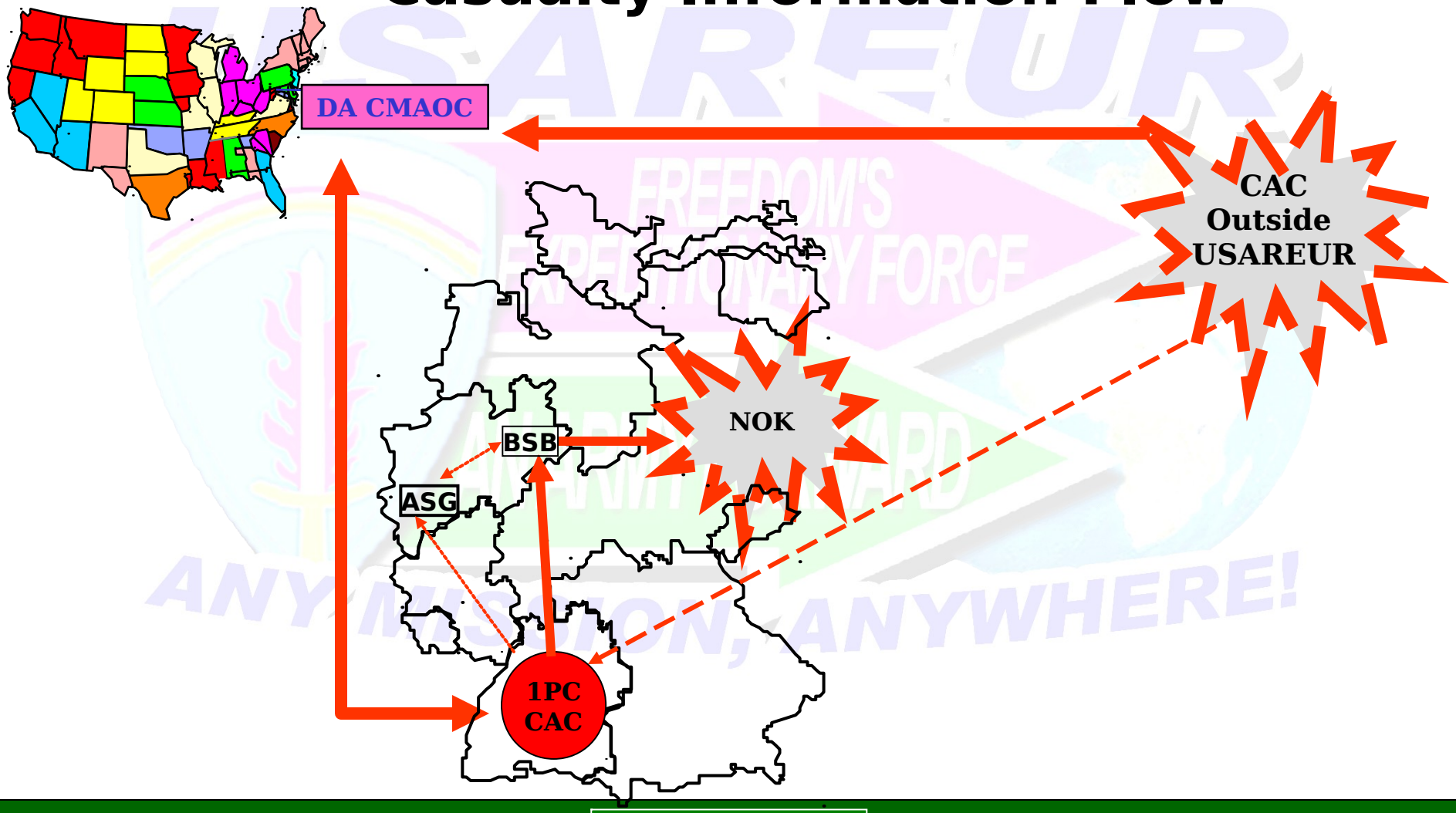
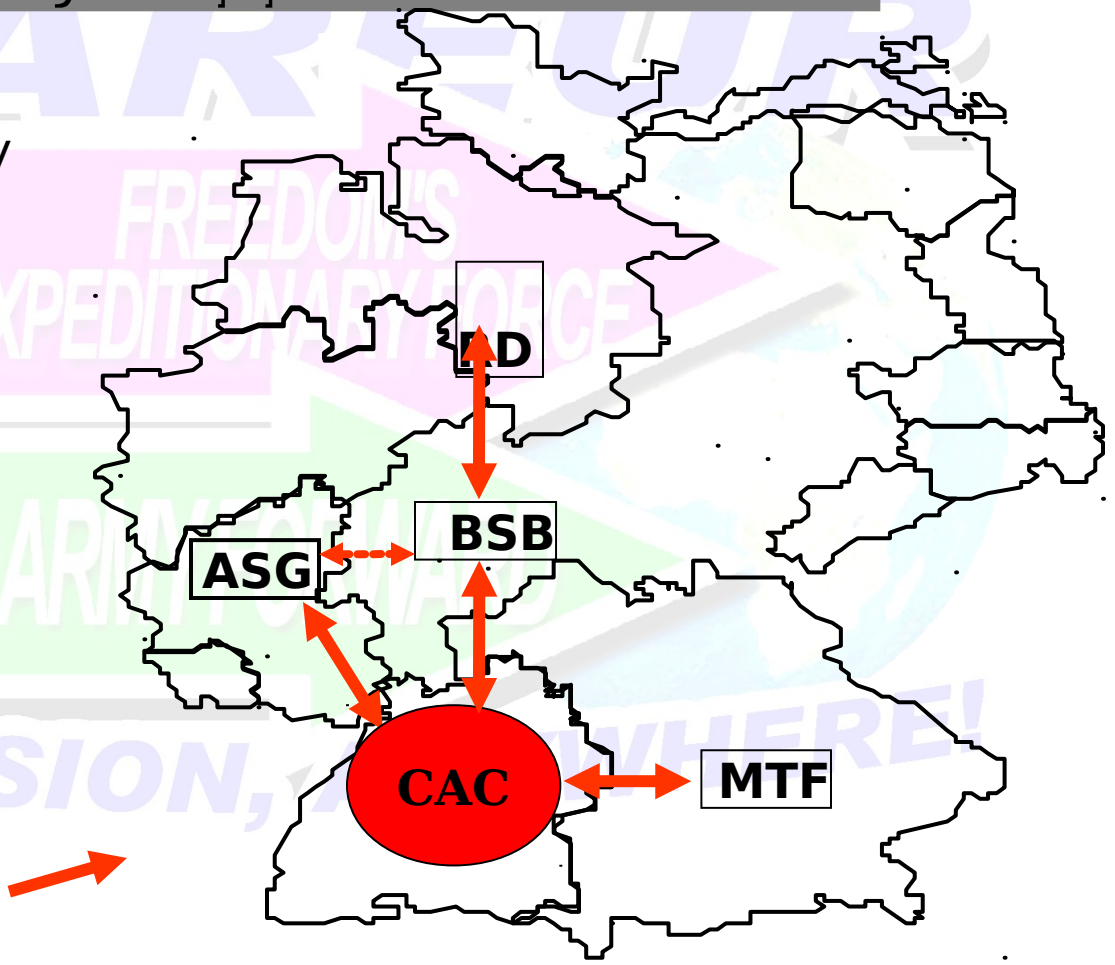
# Casualty Information Flow

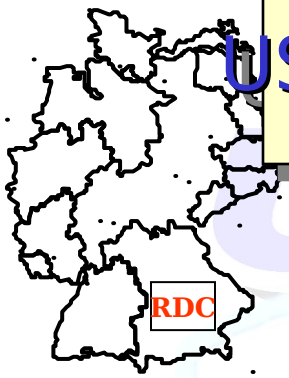


# USAREUR
# Casualty Support Network

Casualty Area Command (CAC)
- Casualty Reporting Agency
Area Support Group (ASG)
- Oversees casualty notification/assistance
Base Support Battalion (BSB)
- Performs notification/assistance
**Rear Detachment (RD)**
- Manages rear detachment notification operations
Medical Treatment Facility (MTF)
- Provides medical updates/information

**Flow of Casualty Information**






# USAREUR Rear Detachment Responsibilities

- Casualty Notification/Assistance
- Casualty Training of Assigned Personnel
- Family Readiness Group (FRG)
- Location of Family Members
- Sensitizes Unit
- Telephonic Notification
- Letter of Sympathy (LOS)/ Condolence (LOC)
- Hospital Liaison Team (HLT)
- Invitational Travel Orders
- AR 600-8-1

# MORTUARY AFFAIRS TRAINING

# REAR DETACHMENT COMMANDERS

- UNIT COORDINATION
  - MEDICAL & DENTAL RECORDS
  - UNIFORM
  - ESCORT
- FLOW OF REMAINS
- DMART

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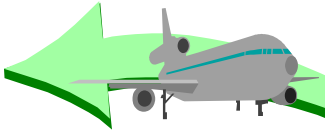
AN ARMY FORWARD
ANY MISSION, ANYWHERE!

**UNIT**

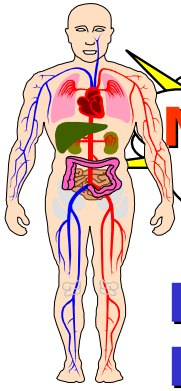
**Collection Point**

Process, ship to TMEP

**TMEP**



**Mortuary Facility**



**Medical Examiner**

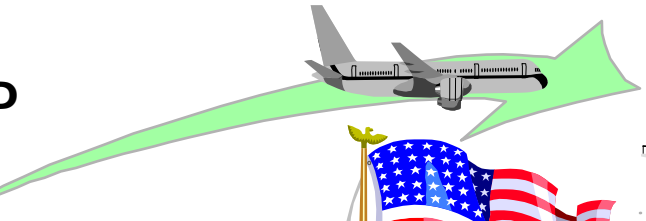
Landstuhl, GE-USAMAA-E

Autopsy, Forensic ID process, ship to mortuary

**OCONUS Mortuary**

Landstuhl, GE-USAMAA-E

Embalm, obtain uniforms, wrap, case and arrange shipment to CONUS Funeral Home



**Dover Air Force Base**

**Funeral Home**
**Final resting place**

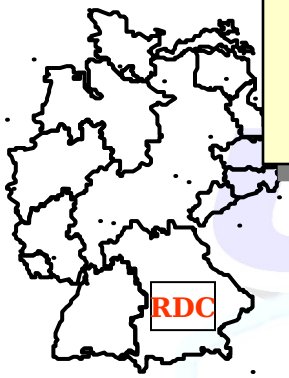
# MORTUARY AFFAIRS TRAINING

## Disaster Mortuary Affairs Response Team
## DMART MISSION

- When directed rapidly deploy to advise and assist military authorities with critical incident forensic/mortuary disaster response to include search, recovery, tentative identification and evacuation of remains from the incident location.
- DMART is an agile and mobile tool for rapid recovery and identification of remains.

✓ Team is organized and supported by the 21st TSC, ERMC and DENTAC.

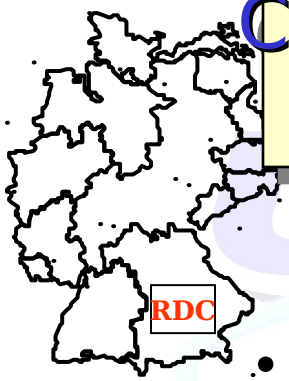
✓ Proven track record.




# Notification of Unit Casualty Scenario

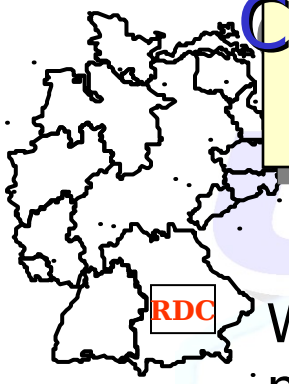
You receive a call from your forward deployed unit that SPC John Q. Jones had been killed as a result of hostile fire. You are provided the circumstances surrounding his death, including time and place of incident. SPC Jones' wife and two small children are residing in U.S. Government living quarters during his deployment.

What are your responsibilities regarding notification and casualty assistance to the surviving spouse and children?




# Commander's Responsibilities-Notification/ Assistance

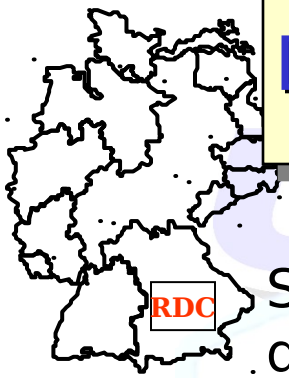
- Notify supporting Base Support Battalion (BSB) of the casualty
  Do not notify PNOK of casualty until instructed to do so by the
  BSB
- Accept or decline the BSB's request for Notification and Assistance Officer.
- Ensure sufficient number of unit members are trained in casualty notification and assistance.
- Sensitize unit of the notification process
- Maintain Family care plan packets
- Use of Family Readiness Group (FRG)




# Commander's Responsibilities-Notification/ Assistance

What are your responsibilities regarding coordination with mortuary affairs?

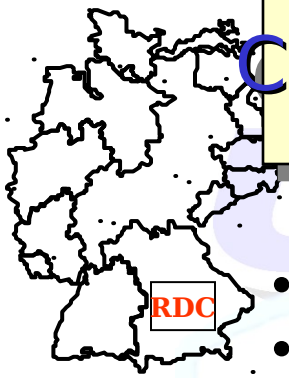
- Immediately contact the local Patient Administration Department of the local health clinic for release of medical and dental records.
- Obtain soldier's uniform or provide two unit patches and crests for Class A uniform
- Have Medical records and uniform or patches and crests transferred to the US Mortuary or Medical Examiner.
- Process any posthumous promotion, awards or decorations.
- Identify an escort to be utilized for return of the remains to the States, relaying the personal information to the US Mortuary.




# Deployed Soldier's Spouse Dies Scenario

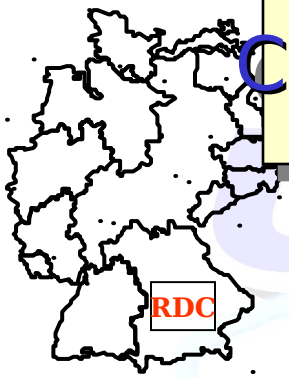
SGT John Q. Jones, a member of your unit, is deployed down range. He is married and has two young children residing in local U.S. Government quarters. SGT Jones' wife dies suddenly.

What actions do you take regarding notification and assistance to PNOK?



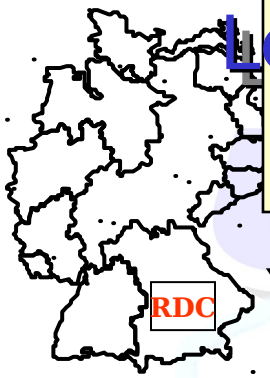

# Commander's Responsibilities-Spouse Dies

- Notify Forward Commander
- Notify BSB of the death
- Provide assistance to the surviving spouse




# Commander's Responsibilities-Spouse Dies

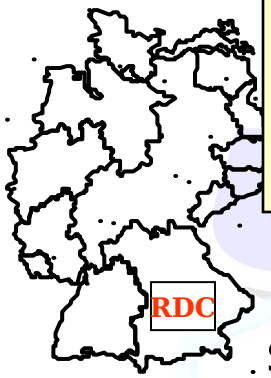
- Coordinate for return of soldier.
- Contact the local Patient Administration Department to arrange for release of medical and dental records.
- Have records transferred to the US Mortuary or Medical Examiner.
- Remains of deceased can not be released or moved until disposition instructions from the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition, i.e. the spouse, have been completed.




# Letter of Sympathy (LOS)/Condolence (LOC) Scenario

You receive a call from your forward unit commander instructing you to prepare and present a Letter of Sympathy to the PNOK of SGT John Q. Jones a unit member who was killed in action

What actions should you take to properly prepare and present the Letter of Sympathy to PNOK?




# Commander's Responsibilities-Letter of Sympathy

- Ensure you have a through understanding of Chapter 5, section 1,
  AR 600-8-1
- Prepare letter within 24 hours after time of incident or the time the
  INIT casualty report is submitted
- Obtain confirmation that PNOK notification has been made prior
  to mailing
- Coordinate with BSB prior to sending the LOS